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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kunio SHIOTA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1631
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Application No.: 09/881,748)	Examiner: Jerry LIN
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Filed: June 18, 2001)	Confirmation No. 8762
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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING)	
CELLS USING DNA)	
METHYLATION PATTERNS)	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2006. An Advisory Action was mailed December 11, 2006 ("Advisory Action"). This Amendment and Response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, requisite fee, Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. Applicants also respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 7.

